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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TITO TO PRESIDENT FORD  
CONCERNING CYPRUS, MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 196285

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HARTMAN SEPTEMBER 10 TO DELIVER LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 6  
FROM PRESIDENT TITO TO PRESIDENT FORD. ALTHOUGH LETTER IS  
DEVOTED CHIEFLY TO CYPRUS SITUATION, IT ALSO TOUCHES  
BRIEFLY ON MIDDLE EAST.

2. CYPRUS: LETTER DECLARES THAT DESPITE EFFORTS OF UN AND  
INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS, CYPRUS CRISIS REMAINS UNRESOLVED  
AND POTENTIAL FOR EVEN MORE SERIOUS CONFLICT ON ISLAND  
EXISTS. ESSENCE OF PROBLEM LIES IN FACT THAT "UNRESOLVED  
AND NEGLECTED RELATIONS" BETWEEN TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES  
ARE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FOREIGN INTERVENTION. GOY IS  
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CONVINCED THAT JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION SHOULD BE BASED

ON: (A) SAFEGUARDING THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF CYPRUS; (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL NATIONAL EQUALITY BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES; (C) WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES. CRISIS MUST BE RESOLVED VIA NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF UN, PARTICULARLY

UNSC. SOLUTION MUST NOT BE IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE OR BY THREAT OR USE OF FORCE. IN TALKS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC, PARTIES ARE SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED READINESS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION "ON AN AGREED BASIS". PARTIES ALLEGEDLY SUPPORT PRESERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF CYPRUS AS WELL AS THE NECESSITY OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN PARTIES ON: (A) MANNER OF NEGOTIATION; (B) RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES; AND (C) "FORM OF THE STATE ORDER". LETTER URGES USG AS MEMBER OF UNSC AND "GREAT COUNTRY" TO CONTRIBUTE TO LASTING SOLUTION OF CYPRUS CRISIS AND PLEDGES YUGOSLAVIA'S SUPPORT FOR ALL CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TOWARD THIS END. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT FORD ACQUAINT GOY WITH US VIEWS ON CYPRUS SITUATION INCLUDING MEANS FOR ITS EARLY RESOLUTION. LETTER CONTAINS NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO THE NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVE (REFTEL).

3. MIDDLE EAST: ALTHOUGH IT MAINTAINS THAT CYPRUS CRISIS RENDERS THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST EVEN MORE COMPLEX AND EXPLOSIVE, LETTER MARKS NO NEW DEPARTURES IN YUGOSLAV VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST. ISRAELI THREATS AND AGGRESSIVE ACTS ARE SEEN AS CREATING DANGER OF OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT, WHILE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION OF THEIR LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES IN MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING IGNORED.

4. HARTMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TITO LETTER AND INDICATED THAT RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE. HE THEN ASKED GRANFIL WHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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GOY HAD HEARD FROM THE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL TO SEND A UNSC FACT-FINDING MISSION TO CYPRUS, ATHENS AND ANKARA. GRANFIL REPLIED THAT THE PARTIES WELCOMED "IN GENERAL TERMS" THE IDEA OF SUCH A ROLE BY THE NON-ALIGNED. WHEN HARTMAN ASKED IF TURKEY TOO WELCOMED THIS INITIATIVE, GRANFIL ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. GRANFIL CLAIMED THE TURKS EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA OF ULTIMATE WITHDRAWAL OF

ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AS THE FINAL STEP IN A CYPRUS  
SETTLEMENT.  
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